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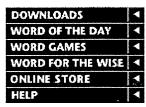
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Main Entry: hi•er•ar•chy ◆

Pronunciation: 'hI-(&-) "rär-kE also 'hi(-&) r-"är-

Function: noun

Inflected Form(s): plural -chies

1: a division of angels

2 a: a ruling body of clergy organized into orders or ranks each subordinate to the one above it; especially: the bishops of a province or nation **b**: church government by a hierarchy

3: a body of persons in authority

4: the classification of a group of people according to ability or to economic, social, or professional standing; also: the group so classified

5: a graded or ranked series < Christian *hierarchy* of values> <a machine's hierarchy of responses>

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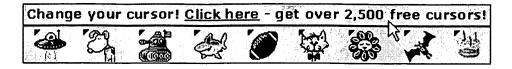
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